

HERTFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION - MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS' CHAMBERS – HERTFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE
Monday, August 17, 2020 – 7:00 PM

Present: Com. Ronald J. Gatling, Chairman, Com. John D. Horton, Vice-Chair, Com. Leroy Douglas, Com. Andre' Lassiter, and Com. William F. Mitchell, Jr.

Also Present with the Board: Mr. David B. Cotton, County Manager, Dr. Renee Fleetwood, Clerk to the Board, Attorney Charles L. Revelle, III, County Attorney

Chairman Ronald J. Gatling called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and provided the Invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were given.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Com. Andre' Lassiter and a second by Com. William F. Mitchell, Jr., the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Approval of July 20, 2020 & August 3, 2020 Minutes
2. Approval of July 2020 Tax Levy Releases

RELEASES FOR MONTH ENDING

July 2020

	LEVY		VALUE	TAX
	NAME	YEAR	RELEASED	RELEASED
AHOSKIE TOWNSHIP				
MURFREESBORO TOWNSHIP				
WINTON TOWNSHIP				
MANEY'S NECK TOWNSHIP				
Acct#43645 Bill#18A43645.30 Mobile Home will be billed to Louise Beale Delotach	Setep, E I S	2018	1654	G01- \$13.89 W01- \$75.00 W02-\$75.00
ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP				
HARRELLSVILLE TOWNSHIP				

TOTAL VALUE APPROVED THIS REPORT (2019 LEVY)	\$
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (2019 LEVY)	\$
TOTAL VALUE APPROVED THIS REPORT (PRIOR LEVY)	\$ 1654.00
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (PRIOR LEVY)	\$ 163.89
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W01 COLL/RECYCLE SITE 2019)	\$
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W02 LANDFILL OPERATON 2019)	\$

TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W01 COLL/RECYCLE SITE 2018) \$ 75.00
 TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W02 LANDFILL OPERATION 2018)\$ 75.00
 Respectfully submitted,
 Tammy H. Eason, Tax Collector

3. Request Approval of NCVTS Refund to Robert Harrell

North Carolina Vehicle Tax System																		
NCVTS Pending Refund report																		
Report Date 8/8/2020 4:50:44 PM																		
Payee Name	Primary Owner	Secondary	Address 1	Address 2	Address 3	Refund Type	Bill #	Status	Transaction #	Refund Description	Refund Reason	Create Date	Aut	Tax Jurisdi	Levy	Change	Interest Change	Total Change
HARRELL, ROBERT WAYNE	HARRELL, ROBERT WAYNE		108 CELESTE DR		AHOSKIE, NC 27910	Proration	0045839687	PENDING	64169143	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0045839687-2019-2019-0000-00	Tag Surrender	07/07/2020		G01 Tax		(\$110.88)	(\$5.55)	(\$116.43)
																	Refund	\$116.43

REQUEST APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO RCCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES & THE NORTHERN REGIONAL ADVISORY BOARD

Chairman Gatling announced that the RCCC Board of Trustees vacancy would be tabled for a later date.

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and a second by Com. Leroy Douglas, the Board Unanimously approved the appointment of Wanda H. Piland to the **Northern Regional Advisory Board (Trillium Health Resources)** for a three-year term to expire December 1, 2023.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF OFFICE OF AGING FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT FOR OLDER ADULTS COUNTY FUNDING PLAN

On a motion by Com. Douglas and a second by Com. Mitchell, the Board unanimously approved the Office of Aging Families First Coronavirus Response Act for Older Adults County Funding Plan in the amount of \$28,689.00 as presented by Director Deidre Evans.

HERTFORD COUNTY TAX FORECLOSURE PROPERTIES:

REQUEST APPROVAL OF UPSET BID OFFER - FRANCES KAY SCOTT PIN# 5968-45-5728; CARROLL FRB CUSTOM HOMES OF NE NC - PIN#S 5081-19-9738 & 5081-29-1741

On a motion by Com. Douglas and a second by Com. Mitchell, the Board unanimously approved the Frances Kay Scott PIN# 5968-45-5728 Foreclosed Property upset bid offer proposal in the amount of \$2,150.00 and the Carroll FRB Custom Homes of NE NC - PIN#s 5081-19-9738 in the amount of \$ \$6,000.00 and 5081-29-1741 in the amount of \$6,000.00 for

re-advertisement at higher bids as presented by Attorney Charles L. Revelle, III.

On a motion by Com. Douglas and a second by Vice-Chair Horton, the Board unanimously approved the advertised bid offers for the Carroll Newsome Hollins Foreclosed Properties PIN#s 5993-61-1378 Tract 2 in the amount of \$2,597.00 and 5993-51-9499 Tract 1 in the amount of \$3,220.50.

Request Approval of Peanut Belt Rural Planning Organization (PBRPO) November 2017 Amended Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperative, Comprehensive and Continuing Transportation Planning and the Establishment of a Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RPO)

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and a second by Com. Lassiter, the Board unanimously approved the Peanut Belt Rural Planning Organization (PBRPO) November 2017 Amended Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperative, Comprehensive and Continuing Transportation Planning and the Establishment of a Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RPO) for long range and short-term transportation needs.

REQUEST APPROVAL FOR REMOVAL OF MONUMENT

On a motion by Vice-Chair Horton and a second by Com. Mitchell, the Board unanimously determined based upon comment of Sheriff Dexter Hayes that there have been credible threats of civil unrest related to the Confederate Monument at the corner of King and Tyron Streets in Winton, that the presence of the monument poses a threat to public safety, and therefore, the monument should be removed and stored by Hertford County pending further directives of the Board of Commissioners regarding its disposition.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS UPDATE

Mrs. Sheila Privott, Board of Elections Director, shared with the Board that she look forward to serving and provided the following updates:

- filing ended August 7th for the Board of Education
- two one stop sites will open October 15th and close October 31st
- Monday – Friday early voting 8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.;
- Saturday - 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; two Sundays 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- as of the present 344 registrants on absentee applications
- State of NC has increased elections funding
- Murfree Center in Murfreesboro and the Board of Election Office will be used as voting sites

Vice-Chair Horton asked Director Privott if the Board of Elections Office was equipped to handle the changes form CDC and others.

Director Privott informed Vice-Chair Horton and the Board that the Board of Elections is as equipped as the state require. She also shared with the Board that flyers will be placed at each voting precinct and updates will be added to the website.

PEANUT BELT RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION (PBRPO) LOCAL MATCHING FUND BUDGET UPDATE FY 20/21

County Manager Cotton presented the Peanut Belt Rural Planning Organization (PBRPO) Local Matching Fund Budget Update FY 20/21. He shared with the Board that the County will not be invoiced in FY 2020-2021 since RPO will cover this fiscal year's local share by their existing fund balance.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

County Manager Cotton commented as follows:

- 1) introduced Mrs. Renee Draper as the new Hertford County Finance Director as of August 10, 2020
- 2) suggested to the Board that information involving solar farms, junkyard ordinance and the transfer station work hours be presented on October 5th at a Board Work Session or at the Board's pleasure
- 3) he is seeking the Board's guidance on the possibility of dumpsters being placed near properties with debris from Hurricane Isaias and if modifications to tipping and permit fees are needed

Com. Douglas requested that Manager Cotton provide a breakdown of figures for the Board for transfer station work hours for the work session.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

The Board made comments as follows:

Com. Mitchell made no comments.

Vice-Chair Horton thanked everyone for attending the meeting and stated he was glad to see everyone in good health.

Com. Douglas made the following comments: 1) thanked Manager Cotton for the foreclosure properties booklet and coordinating the Summer Intern program, and wished the Board could have met the interns who participated before they returned to their perspective schools and universities; 2) requested updates from Manager Cotton on the deadline and applications the County received from municipalities applying for CRF funding; 3) emphasized his overall concern to due diligence on behalf of citizens with the CRF available funds; and 4) assurance that citizens, mayors and other municipal leaders have a good understanding of eligible funding areas CRF dollars can be appropriated for.

Manager Cotton shared with Com. Douglas and the Board that he 1) held four meetings and have had conference calls with the municipal partners; 2) heard from one municipality last week; and 3) all municipalities have the criteria, links, etc. relative to the CRF funding requirements and deadlines.

Com. Lassiter shared his concern with Ahoskie constituents requesting a Helipad for Vidant Hospital knowing the current needs of citizens.

Chairman Gatling commented that October 5th the Board will have its work session and requested Clerk Fleetwood to resend him the requirements for CRF funding.

Manager Cotton shared with Chairman Gatling and the Board that Hertford County did not qualify for FEMA's individual assistant for damages sustained from Hurricane Isaias

Chairman Gatling commented that if the County did not meet the FEMA threshold, the County would not be waiving tipping fees and requested further discussion occur regarding FEMA with Chris Smith present. In addition, Chairman Gatling addressed Sheriff Hayes for him to provide an update on patrolling duties from his office resulting from Hurricane Isaias.

Sheriff Hayes reported the following to the Board: 1) that his office and staff patrolled the area from Vinson Mill Road to Pine Tops Road in Murfreesboro; 2) he did not require additional law enforcement; 3) with the aid of the fire department staff, they nailed tarps, assisted citizens who needed help and remained at the damaged properties to make certain there was no loitering or further damage done to the properties; and 4) Red Cross was contacted.

Com. Lassiter commented that during his visit to Vinson Mill and Pine Tops in Murfreesboro on Wednesday post Hurricane Isaias, he witnessed the great job Sheriff Hayes, EMS and Law Enforcement were doing to protect damaged properties. He thanked them for their service and for their concern to ensure that persons affected were not left displaced.

Chairman Gatling reminded Manager Cotton that CADA has funds for citizens as needed and for him to communicate that information to citizens.

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Com. Lassiter and a second by Com. Mitchell, the Board unanimously approved to move to Closed Session as allowed under NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with the County Attorney.

Minutes of Closed Session are on file in the Office of the Clerk to the Board.

On a motion by Com. Lassiter and a second by Com. Douglas, the Board unanimously approved to return to the Regular session.

On a motion by Com. Douglas and a second by Com. Lassiter the Board approved to establish an Advisory Committee for the Office of Aging and create By-Laws as follows:

Chairman Gatling	Nay
Vice-Chair Horton	Yea
Com. Douglas	Yea
Com. Lassiter	Yea
Com. Mitchell	Yea

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and a second by Vice-Chair Horton, the Board unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.

Approved: September 8, 2020

Com. Ronald J. Gatling
Chairman

Dr. Renee Fleetwood
Clerk to the Board